

### of Paragraphs.

**Violent Deaths.**—The total number of murders, homicides and suicides in New York city during the year 1858, was 107. In 1837 the number was 133.

**PROBABLE MURDER.**—A woman named Brown, in an affray, last night, in a residential house, in West 142nd street, was accidentally shot by a person, whom she was defending, and herself in an attack by the supposed husband of the woman. The man Brown and two women were arrested. The person who fired the pistol escaped. Mrs. Brown will probably not survive.—*N. Y. Com. Adv. 31st.*

**A SMUGGLING SENATOR.**—When Senator Douglas arrived in New York, the Custom House officials searched his trunks and found \$75 worth of cigars, purchased in Havana, upon which he was obliged to pay duty.

**STARVED TO DEATH.**—A woman named Hughes starved to death in New York last week. When discovered, the woman had evidently been dead for some time, and the room in which she was found was entirely destitute of furniture; a little boy aged 8 years was found in the room, crouching in a corner quite faint from hunger. The husband of the woman was named Hughes, and died some time since. It is stated that he had

**ACQUITTAL OF MURDER.**—Gilbert Stevens, ofeshire, Conn., charged with murdering his wife by strangulation, has been tried at New Haven, and acquitted, the jury not leaving their seats to deliberate.

**Col. A. Van Buren**, of South Carolina, has sold all the slaves on his plantation, 210 in number, for \$147,000. Col. V. B. is the son of the Sage of Lindenwood.

The same court decided that O. Ames, who shot Oscar Case, a stage driver, who was attempting upon the stage, acted in self defense, and discharged him.

Last Thursday witnessed a singular scene

**STORM.** The storm commenced about 3 A. M., continued for 24 hours to the depth of 2½ to 3 feet. It covered a belt of land only six miles deep, in the centre, from Ontario to Oneida Lake.

**EXPULSION.** Five students of the Brown University have been expelled from that institution for the grave offence of attending a funeral of a classmate at Roxbury, after permission to do so had been expressly refused to them by the President.

**PACIFIC RAILROAD.**—"Ion" writes to the Baltimore Sun, Dec. 27, that the state of parties in the senate is such as will probably secure the passage of the Pacific Railroad bill in that body by a small majority. In the House there may be more doubt.

A Ghost—Quite a respectable ghost, says the Journal, has been visiting the East Village neighborhood in Clinton, Mass., so named for its neighboring neighbors on the first decade. A man named Nixon died a while ago, but his uneasy spirit is bound to look after the world yet. Consequently, said spirit has been cutting up all sorts of shames around the house of his family, so much to their annoyance that they cannot sleep at nights. The ghost, too, is said to have chased a girl from somewhere to somewhere else. Very likely.

**LIBERAL BEQUESTS.**—Miss Elizabeth Aull, who recently died at Lexington, Mo., made the following legacies: To the Educational and Domestic and Foreign Mission Boards of the Presbyterian church, Old School, \$5,000 each; to the American Bible and Tract Societies, \$5,200 each; to the establishment of a Presbyterian Female Seminary at Lexington, \$20,000, of which \$10,000 is given in the condition that a like sum is subscribed by other persons. Other legacies, mostly to religious organizations, make the total of the bequests \$42,000.

**TWENTY-EIGHT MEN STRUCK TO DEATH.**—The immediate destruction of life and property was not the only result of the fearful explosion at the burning of Havana, on the 27th of Nov. San Juan de los Rios, a small town, 10 miles from Havana, was

the 23d ult the bodies of twenty-eight men were dug from under the ruins, who had probably died from starvation, although there were soldiers enough in and around the city to have turned over every stone within a day after the occurrence of the accident.

27 A number of papers just now are filled with the particulars of terrible, horrible, heart-rending accidents of occurrence in various parts of the country. We prefer administering to our readers in broken doses.

28 Petitions have recently been presented to Congress from several States, praying for the abolition of the office of National Chaplain in Congress, in the Army and Navy, and elsewhere.

**MAJ. RECTO, GONE TO FLORIDA.**—Major Recto, the Indian agent, left Fort Smith on board the steamer Little Rock, on Tuesday, Jan. 14th, for Florida. He goes for the purpose of removing the remaining Seminole Indians from that country to their new home, with Billy Bowles, west of Arkansas. Mr. R. M. Johnson and Mr. Wm. J. Puseyburn, accompanied the Major. Seven or eight Seminole Indians were taken along to assist in removing their friends to their new home.

**HORSE LAW.**—In a recent case in England, on the subject of the auction purchase of a horse, Lord Campbell said, that "if an owner bid at an auction, real bidder to whom the lot was knocked down, might avoid the contract, on the ground that he

[For the Louisville Courier.]

**Democratic Meeting in Hancock.**

At a meeting of the Democracy of Hancock county, on Monday, the 27th day of December, 1858, being County Court day, at the court house in Hawesville, for the purpose of appointing delegates to the Democratic convention of the State of Kentucky, to convene on the 5th of January, 1859, Col. James R. Jennings was called to the chair, and James E. Stone was appointed secretary. On motion, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1. That we approve of the administration of James Buchanan, as eminently wise and patriotic.

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Christians of Thomas C. McCrary, of Daviess county, and would take great pleasure in supporting him for the office of Governor, if the convention in their wisdom sees fit to nominate him.

4. That we have full confidence in the talents, qualifications, and ability of John S. Bryan, of Christian county, and will take pleasure in supporting him for the office of Register of the Land Office.

5. That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Louisville Courier and Enquirer, the Democratic, and the National Democrat at Owensboro, Ky.

The meeting then adjourned

JAS. E. JENNINGS, Chairman.

JAMES E. STONE, Secretary.

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**Democratic Meeting in Cassy.**

At a large and respectable meeting of the De-

1. That we approve of the State Convention to be held in Frankfort on the 5th of January, to nominate delegates for the various offices to be filled at the next August election.

4. That we pledge ourselves to use all honorable means to secure the election of all the nominees of the Ninth January Convention to the Legislature, and to support the same for the Hon. A. G. Talbot as the candidate for the office of Governor, and A. J. James as the candidate for Attorney General, we will support the nominees of said Convention, be they whom they may.

That C. M. Whipple, Chester Jones, John Westerington, J. W. Whipple, A. T. Raynolds, H. H. McAninch, W. B. Gibbins, H. Wilson, P. W. Napier, W. F. Napier, O. Jaeger, Robert Land, and all other Democrats that choose to do so, be and act as delegates to the said Convention for this county, Oases.

And That we recommend to the Democracy of the Fourth District, Timoleon Carothers, Esq., as a suitable person for a candidate for Congress in said district, and

7. That the editors of the Louisville Courier and Democrat be requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting.

8. That the meeting now adjourn *sine die*.

CHESLEY JONES, Chairman.

G. B. GRIBBS, Secretary.











